

CONFERENCE FOR NEGRO EDUCATION IN RALEIGH.

1922

On November 3rd and 4th, 1922, two-hundred fifty of the most prominent Negro leaders in all walks of life in North Carolina and forty-six influential white persons gathered at Shaw University, Raleigh, for a two days discussion of Negro education, health, and public welfare. This was the fourth annual conference to be called by the State Department of Public Instruction. The conference was formally and heartily welcomed to Raleigh by Mayor T. B. Eldridge. The two general topics assigned for discussion were:

1. The progress that has been made within the year in carrying forward the program of the State for Negro education outlined September 15-16, 1921.
2. How the public and private schools of this State may cooperate helpfully to the best advantage of all concerned.

The general outline of the points for discussion was presented in a written statement by the Director of Negro Education. The outstanding facts in this statement are: (1) A discussion of the progress that has been made in the expenditure of the appropriations made for Negro education by the State Legislature in 1921. These appropriations were as follows:

Building and equipment, three State Normal Schools	\$500,000
Maintenance, three State Normal Schools (annual)	75,000
Division of Negro Education (annual)	15,000
Teacher-training in private schools (annual)	15,000
Teacher-training in summer schools, estimated (annual)	20,000
High schools and vocational education "	30,000
Building and improvement, A.&T. College, Greensboro	115,000
Maintenance, A. & T. (annual)	30,000
Building reformatory for Negro boys	25,000
Maintenance of reformatory (annual)	10,000
Sanatorium for Negro tubercular patients	100,000
Total Appropriations	\$935,000

All these sums except that for reformatory for Negro boys have been practically spent. The building, as indicated in the appropriations, has been unprecedented in the history of North Carolina, or, perhaps, in any other state. New, fire-proof well-built/brick buildings at the various institutions going up and being furnished have tremendously stimulated the Negro thought and life of the State.

At the September 1921 conference we announced plans to build about seventy-five Rosenwald schools to cost \$279,000 by June 30, 1922. Actually eighty-one Rosenwald schools were built at a cost of \$330,387. One county, Warren, built thirteen of these schools.